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COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REVIEW TO BEGIN

(Bel Air, MD - October 1, 2008) - - Under Harford County's Comprehensive Zoning Review Process, property owners interested in obtaining a zoning change may pick up an information packet and application form beginning October 15, 2008 from the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning, 2nd floor,

220 South Main Street in Bel Air. Completed applications will be accepted through December 15, 2008. Each application submitted must be accompanied by an \$800.00 application fee.

Department officials will utilize the 2004 Master Plan and Land Use Element as a policy guide for reviewing each application. The Comprehensive Zoning Review will examine all zoning maps in the County to ensure consistency with land use policies.

Since the 2005/2006 Comprehensive Zoning Bill was vetoed by County Executive Craig, the County began working on a rewrite of the Zoning Code. The rewrite has been a culmination of efforts from workgroups to citizen input. It is anticipated that a new Zoning Code will be adopted by the end of October. As property owners consider rezoning applications, attention should be given to the new Zoning Code from new design standards to the permitted use charts for each zoning classification.

Once the application period ends, requests will undergo a technical review by County planners as well as the five-member Planning Advisory Board. Additionally, Department officials, along with Board members will conduct public informational meetings.

More information will be available after October 15th on the County's website at www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning or contact the Department at 410.638.3103